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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. COPERNICUS ASTRONOMICAL CENTER. YOU HAVE OUR REPORT OF
OZZIE GANLEY'S TALK WITH SPASOWSKI. GANLEY AGREES WE
SHOULD STRIVE TO SETTLE THIS THING QUICKLY THROUGH DIPLO-
MATIC CHANNELS. SPASOWSKI'S COMMITMENT TO RECOMMEND THAT
IT BE RESOLVED "TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE AMERICAN SIDE"
STRIKES US AS PROMISING. WE HOPE HE CAN DELIVER.

2. WE DOUBT, THOUGH, THAT NSF/NAS WILL ACCEPT ANYTHING
SHORT OF IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SPACE RESEARCHERS
COUPLED WITH APPROPRIATE APOLOGIES FOR THE FAILURE TO CON-
SULT. IF THE POLES RESPOND ONLY WITH ASSURANCES TO WITH-
DRAW OR WITH A PROPOSAL TO WORK OUT SOME INTERMEDIATE
ARRANGEMENT, WE WILL HAVE SOME ARM-TWISTING TO DO WITH
ATKINSON AND HANDLER. THE SAME IS TRUE IF THE POLISH
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RESPONSE IS DELAYED. BOTH MEN ARE EXPOSED POLITICALLY, AND
THE FACT THAT SOME BLAME GOES TO ATKINSON'S STAFF FOR
NOT CLUING HIM IN EARLIER DOES NOT MITIGATE THIS. THE
CONGRESSIONAL ANGLE IS ALSO CRITICAL, AND ATKINSON IS
UNDER PRESSURE ALREADY TO REPORT THE MATTER TO SENATOR
KENNEDY. VANCE

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